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Serial No. 09/602,374)	
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Filed: June 23, 2000)	

DECLARATION OF DENNIS CARR

I, Dennis Carr , hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a U.S. Postal Service employee and work at the Barrington Post Office, Barrington, Illinois.

2. Ms. Sandra-Van Takla of the office of Thomas R. Vigil contacted me in late July or early August and asked why the U.S. Express Mail receipt for U.S. Express Mail No. EL 468139627 had never been mailed to them.

3. In particular, Ms. Takla stated to me that on June 22, 2000 during her lunch hour she had mailed this particular U.S. Express Mail envelope by placing the envelope in a box for Express Mail located outside of our Post Office.

4. Further, she stated to me that on that particular day when she mailed the Express Mail envelope on her lunch hour, in view of the many cars parked in the Post Office parking lot, she had deposited the envelope in the "Express Mail" box located outside of the Post Office knowing it was the practice of the employees of the Barrington Post Office to retrieve all envelopes in the Express Mail box by the hour of 5:00 p.m., process same and then return in the mail to the sender a copy of the U.S. Express Mail receipt.

5. A search of the Barrington Post Office records indicated that this particular

Express Mail envelope had not been duly processed through our normal procedures by the Barrington Post Office and had instead been picked up by a driver, and not one of the personnel in our Barrington Post Office, and taken to O'Hare Airport and processed there .

6. By checking the Number EL 468139627, in our computer system, I learned that the envelope was entered into the system at the O'Hare Airport Postal Facility in the early afternoon of June 23, 2000.

7. Apparently, that is why an Express Mail receipt had not been mailed to Mr. Vigil's office.

8. Normally, we at the Barrington Post Office, retrieve all Express Mail from the two (2) boxes we have outside the Post Office by 5:00 p.m., process the envelopes, entering the data in our computer that day, and then ship the envelopes and packages to the O'Hare Airport Postal Facility.

9. For some reason, unbeknownst to me, that procedure was not followed with respect to EL 468139627 and instead a driver must have picked up the envelope directly from the Express Mail box and took it to O'Hare Airport where it was processed and entered into the system on June 23, 2000.

10. Mr. Vigil would have received an Express Mail receipt in the mail on the 23rd for this envelope from the Barrington Post Office showing that the envelope had been retrieved from the Express Mail box and processed on June 22, 2000. However, through human error this was not the case, and the envelope was not processed at the Barrington Post Office.

11. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: September 7, 2000.



Dennis Carr